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Concordia Manufacturing, LLC Recognized as Innovative Manufacturer of the Year by The Rhode Island Manufacturers Association

Coventry, R.I., September 20, 2007—Concordia Manufacturing, www.concordiafibers.com, an innovator in specialty fiber based medical implants and scaffolds for regenerative medicine, was recently recognized as Innovative Manufacturer of the Year at the seventh annual black tie fundraising event hosted by the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association (RIMA).

“Tonight we recognize the achievements of several of Rhode Island’s exceptional manufacturers,” stated Al T. Lubrano, Chairman, Rhode Island Manufacturers Association, at the November 3rd event. “We applaud Concordia Manufacturing, the 2007 Innovative Manufacturer of the Year, for their innovation and success in taking their long-standing expertise in the textile industry and transferring those skills to the biomedical world.”

Concordia Manufacturing was one of four recipients who received the prestigious 2007 Rhode Island Manufacturing Award who were all recognized for their major contributions supporting the resurgence and growth of manufacturing in Rhode Island.

“In 2005, Concordia underwent a restructuring to focus on biomedical textiles which consist primarily of bioresorbable fibers for tissue-engineering applications,” commented Randal Spencer, President & CEO, Concordia Manufacturing. “We are innovating in the field of regenerative medicine where there are unique and exciting opportunities to add value and make lasting contributions.”

Concordia is at the forefront of creating a range of bioresorbable, three-dimensional non-woven BIOFELT™ scaffolds which facilitate the growth and proliferation of cells and autologous tissues. The company is currently working with tissue engineering thought leaders, academic partners and medical device industry leaders as they develop the next generation of medical implants.

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Over the past eight decades, Concordia Fibers has become a leading manufacturer of engineered fibers for a wide range of technical fabrics and has evolved by reinterpreting its core skills in the context of new industries. Most recently, it utilized its reputation for innovation, quality, and speed, and transferred its skills to tackle a unique medical product opportunity with the launch of Concordia Medical. Concordia Medical is an innovator in non-woven and woven medical implants and scaffolds for regenerative medicine. With extensive experience in the development and GMP manufacture of biomedical textiles, which consist of bioresorbable and/or non-resorbable fibers for tissue-engineering applications, Concordia Medical is working with academic research partners and medical device industry leaders to develop the next generation of medical implants. The company recently announced its newest product line, BIOFELT™, a versatile bioresorbable polymer scaffold that can be used for tissue repair, cell-seeding, and 510(k) based medical implant applications. BIOFELT facilitates the growth and proliferation of cells and autologous tissues in vitro and in vivo. Headquartered in Coventry, Rhode Island, Concordia Medical is ISO 13485:2003 certified for medical device design and manufacturing. For more information, please call 401-828-1100 or visit www.concordiamedical.com